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The Honorable Kevin Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission Room: 8-B201 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169, and 96-86;

PS Docket No. 06-229

#### Dear Chairman Martin:

As a strong advocate for America's public safety forces, I write to you today about the critical situation facing our nation's first responders. At stake, an undeveloped, revolutionary frontier of a wireless America, deserving of a national broadband first-response communications network. It would be safe to suggest that, any individual who had the technological foresight to alleviate communication breakdown during times of national crises, would have done so. Looking ahead to this country's future, we should not have to cross that unexpected bridge alone; together, we can work towards constructing an instantaneous national emergency communications system.

The team at Frontline Wireless has developed a national hybrid model solution. Using a uniquely balanced and flexible portion of the 700 MHz spectrum known as the "E Block", Frontline offers a co-existence between an interoperable national alarm system and a segment designated for commercial space. By accepting Frontline's bidding proposal, the FCC will dutifully grant a competitive opportunity to entities seeking to provide broadband first-response communication technology.

There are complementary advantages as well. There are no hidden governmental costs as the winning licensee would be financially responsible for complete national construction. Furthermore, our nation would benefit by having yet another level of defense for when emergencies unexpectedly arise. No longer will rural areas be kept in the dark, challenged by lack of vital safety information. Frontline's Plan encourages rural wireless carriers to gain access to a nationwide roaming network, without expensive startup costs. At a moments notice, America would be interconnected for the latest updates and precautions.

I strongly urge you to consider what is at stake. Take preventative action by licensing the 700 MHz spectrum known as "E Block" for first-response communication. Together, we can make bold strides towards the future for a safer America.

Respectfully,

Kevin Watts

Former Ohio Fire Marshal

Former President of the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters



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The Honorable Kevin Martin, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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There are two major obstacles that have hampered efforts to bring about a nationwide, interoperable broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply aren't there. Second, public safety needs more spectrums than it has to make a broadband network work. The plan proposed by Frontline Wireless solves both of these problems by providing for a buildout of the network with private capital and a doubling of spectrum available to first responders and other public safety officials when it's needed most. This network would be truly national in scope, serving 99 percent of the U.S. population, but through modern technology would allow local agencies substantial control.

We have yet to see another plan that would create the network we need to bring public safety communications into the 21st Century. One commercial incumbent even suggested that a network that leaves fully 25 percent of the U.S. population uncovered could serve public safety's needs. That's certainly not the sort of "national" network that will make the American people safer. The stakes are too high to succumb to these and other claims that public safety's network will have to wait for another day. The time to act is now.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael A. PFEIFER

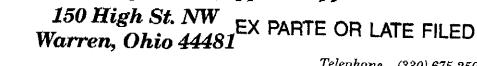
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